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Mr. Dean A. Andrews, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Andrews,

Thank you very much for your courtesy in telephoning today. As I mentioned, I have carried out a comparative study between the assertions in the Warren Report and the corresponding material in the twenty-six volumes of Hearings and Exhibits published by the Warren Commission. There are some serious discrepancies between statements in the Warren Report and the raw data, around which I am writing a critical study. Some of those discrepancies are listed on a page I am enclosing, for your information.

I was especially shocked to discover that despite claims in the Report that Oswald had merely invented "Hidell" as an alias there is a real person nicknamed "Hidell" who was acquainted with Oswald and who lives in New Orleans. My analysis of this discrepancy is enclosed—I think it presents the whole picture better than I can do it within this letter. As you will see, the real "Hidell" is John Rene Heindel

812 Belleville Street
New Orleans.

It would be very valuable to know how and when Heindel was located, presumably by the FBI, during the investigation of the assassination; if he was interviewed more than once; and what questions were asked. Did he encounter Oswald at any time after service in the Marine Corps? If so, was it in New Orleans in the summer of 1963? Did he assist Oswald in any way in his pro-Castro activities? Did he authorize Oswald to use the name "Hidell"? If not, can he suggest any reason why Oswald should have selected such an alias? Is it conceivable that Oswald was hostile to Heindel and used the name "Hidell" with a view to embarrassing or incriminating Heindel? Apart from these questions, I would be very interested to know how you or your agent size up Heindel as a person; also, his occupation, general background, family status, and known political activities (and police record, if any).

You are most kind to offer to look into this matter without fee, and I do thank you most sincerely. I will be very glad to pay any expenses that are involved.

As I said on the telephone, I was impressed by your testimony when I read the transcript, by your independence of mind and the authority with which you expressed yourself. I can't help regretting that you have been too busy with your legal practice to delve further into the Oswald case, which is so full of puzzles, enigmas, and unsolved mysteries. I am in touch with several people who, like myself, are dissatisfied with the official findings and are working on various aspects of the case. Your resourcefulness and acuity would be invaluable in this effort to get to the bottom of things, if ever you find the time to delve into some of the evidence.

Please feel free to telephone me at any time, collect to Chelsea 2-4293 or at my office, Plaza 4-1234 ext 2024. With sincere gratitude,

Yours very truly,

Sylvia Meagher